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KANAWHA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TEMPORARILY ENJOINS FIREWORKS COMPANY, PYROTECHNIC SPECIALTIES, FROM DOING BUSINESS IN WEST VIRGINIA UNTIL IT PROVIDES REFUNDS TO SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS

Attorney General Darrell McGraw was granted an injunction today against Pyrotechnic Specialties Fireworks Display Company, a Mineral Wells company, specializing in the sale of fireworks and fireworks displays. After accepting deposits for fireworks and/or fireworks displays from various communities and organizations in the state, the owners, Stephen and Sharon Bowles, have recently told their customers that they cannot provide the fireworks as promised.

The Circuit Court of Kanawha County ordered that Pyrotechnics Specialties be enjoined from conducting business in the State of West Virginia until it showed the Court that refunds had been made to all organizations owed one.

Attorney General McGraw began investigating Pyrotechnic Specialties after receiving complaints from organizations in Berkeley, Braxton, and Lincoln counties and filed his lawsuit when the business refused to resolve these complaints. "Filing this lawsuit has prodded the Bowles into sending refunds to two of the organizations that had had their fireworks displays cancelled. Hopefully, the injunction will provide the Bowles with the motivation to send refunds to the remaining communities."

The Attorney General's lawsuit alleges two violations of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act and asks the Court to order the Bowles to refund the organizations' deposits and assess a \$5000 civil penalty for each violation of the Act. Attorney General McGraw advises consumers who have paid Pyrotechnic Specialties for firework displays they have not received to contact our office at 1-800-368-8808.

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